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UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

It will be remembered that several citizens offered to give the Johns Hopkins University a new site in the northern suburbs, consisting of 176 acres, on condition that a million dollars be raised for the erection of buildings. It is understood that the condition has been withdrawn and that the land will be presented to the University at the celebration on Feb. 22.

COOPER UNION, New York City, has received an anonymous gift of \$250,000 to be added to the endowment.

THE sum of £5,000 has been bequeathed to the Aberdeen University, to be applied to the purposes of the University at the discretion of the senate, by the late Surgeon-General Robert Harvey.

IMPROVEMENTS have been completed in the Rotch Building at Harvard University during the last few months which add largely to its facilities for the study of mining engineering. A gift from J. J. Storrow, '85, has made possible the entire refitting of the laboratory of metallurgical chemistry. A new laboratory, to be known as the 'Simpkins Assay Laboratory,' has been fitted up in a large room in the addition on the east side, and another, the 'Simpkins Metallurgical Laboratory,' which is now being equipped, will occupy the remainder of this section. A large room in the northwest corner of the building is to be used for the study of steel; and a complete set of machinery is being installed for this purpose. The laboratory of metallography has been moved to the old Infirmary Building.

A FIRE in the anatomical laboratory of the University of Minnesota on January 25, caused a loss of \$10,000. The students saved the valuable libraries of Professors Erdman and Reed, but some collections were destroyed.

PROFESSOR VICTOR VAUGHAN, dean of the Medical College of the University of Michigan, is chairman of a committee composed of representatives from the leading schools of the United States, whose object is to make it possible for a system of credits to be standardized in all these schools, so that a student in any one of them may transfer to any other without loss of standing. The colleges represented

on the committee are Michigan, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, Columbia and Western Reserve.

It is officially announced that law students in Germany need no longer hold a certificate from a classical gymnasium, but may be graduates of the Realgymnasias or higher Real-schulen.

THE Dowager-Empress of China has issued an edict which, after pointing out that many Chinese have studied abroad formerly, but that no Manchus have done so, orders the Manchu clan at Court and the generals of eight banners to nominate Manchus of between 15 and 25 to go abroad to study foreign branches of knowledge.

LORD CURZON, the viceroy of India, has appointed a commission to visit the university centers and colleges of India to inquire into their prospects, report on their working, and recommend measures for the improvement of the teaching and the standard of learning. The commission is composed as follows: Mr. T. Raleigh, president; Syad Hossain Bilgrami Nawab; Mr. J. P. Hewett, Secretary to the Home Department; Mr. A. Pedler, Director of Public Instruction in Bengal; Professor A. Bourne, Principal of Madras College; and the Rev. Mr. Mackichan, Principal of Wilson College, Bombay.

DR. R. W. HALL, at present instructor in biology at Yale University and at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Wood's Holl, has been engaged as instructor in biology at Lehigh University. Mr. E. A. Regestein (Massachusetts Institute, '99) has been appointed instructor in electrical engineering at Lehigh University.

PROFESSOR VON KRAFFT-EBBING is about to retire from the chair of psychiatry at Vienna and will be succeeded by Professor W. von Jauregg.

MR. W. E. JOHNSON, of King's College, Cambridge, has been appointed Sidgwick lecturer in moral science.

DR. PIERRE JANET has been elected to the chair of psychology in the Collège de France vacant by the resignation of Professor Th. Ribot.